



Docket No. 48075-B-PCT-US/JPW/AJM/HA

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Timothy H. Bestor
Serial No.: 09/051,013 Group Art Unit: 1652
Filed : October 9, 1998 Examiner: David J. Steadman
For : CHIMERIC DNA-BINDING/DNA METHYLTRANSFERASE
NUCLEIC ACID AND POLYPEPTIDE AND USES THEREOF

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SIR:

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO MAY 16, 2003 FINAL OFFICE ACTION
AND PETITION FOR A THREEE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

This Amendment is filed in response to the May 16, 2003 Final Office Action issued in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the May 16, 2003 Final Office Action was originally due on August 16, 2003. Applicant hereby requests a three-month extension of time from August 16, 2003 to November 16, 2003 for filing a response. The fee for a three-month extension of time for a small entity is \$475.00, and a check for this amount is enclosed. Since November 16, 2003 falls on a Sunday, a response filed on Monday, November 17, 2003 is to be considered timely. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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